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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1965



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE  
YEAR 1965

To the Chairman and Members of the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1965.

The vital statistics for the area do not differ greatly from those for England and Wales and do not call for any special comment.

Infectious diseases showed nothing of importance.

Problems connected with environmental hygiene remain the Council's major concern. Once again it is not possible to report much progress in this work. The proposed water supply scheme to serve the upper dale is still under consideration by the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Supplies have been adequate during the past year, but the quality has been very variable. Without an adequate clean water supply further progress is limited.

The position regarding sewage disposal has improved with the implementation of the Askrigg, Thoraby and West Burton Schemes which are now almost complete.

Finally I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

*H. Diggles*

(H. Diggles)

Medical Officer of Health.



SECTION ASTATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA(a) General Statistics

Area in acres	81,032
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid 1965)	3240
Population (1931 census)	4257
Population (1951 census)	3607
Population (1961 census)	3303
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1209
Number of inhabited houses (1963)	1240
Rateable Value of District (April 1965)	£61164
Product of penny rate	£237

(b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
Live Births	17	17	-	19	19	-
Still Births	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Infant Deaths</u>						
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 4 Weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 Week	-	-	-	-	-	-



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CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATHCauses of Death

	Males	Females	Total
Diabetes	1	1	2
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	1	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	5	6
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	3	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	6	2	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease	3	3	6
Other Circulatory Disease	1	3	4
Pneumonia	-	2	2
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	-	1	1
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.



SECTION BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of staff are given at the beginning of the report.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Bainbridge.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in Northallerton by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Lancaster and Bradford hospitals.

NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Mid-Wifery service is under the general direction of the County Council, with the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee. Three district nurse/midwives operate in the area.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This is provided by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCESWATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION DHOUSING

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.



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SECTION E

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details of this work and of meat inspection are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

	Males	Females	Total
Peuperal Pyrexia	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	1	-	1
Measles	18	20	38



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTIONINSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A total of 1109 visits and inspections were made during the year.

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Complied With	Statutory Notices	Complied With
Council Work	398	-	-	-	-
Housing	54	4	4	-	-
Public Health Acts	220	2	2	-	-
Building Byelaws	160	-	-	-	-
Improvement Grants	104	-	-	-	-
Slaughter Houses (for the purpose of meat inspection)	88	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	17	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	29	-	-	-	-
Petroleum Regulations	3	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	10	-	-	-	-
Factories Act	4	-	-	-	-
Caravans	8	-	-	-	-
Planning	14	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY

No rainfall figures are available for this year as it has not been possible to maintain the gauge at Hawes Sewage Works.

Refuse Collection & Disposal

The Council continue to collect refuse at fortnightly intervals over the greater part of their district. Kerbside collection is still the rule.

The difficulty of reaching the tips in bad weather is a major problem. The Hawes tip is almost full and in two to three years time may have to be closed, before this time we should a site for a new tip with a reasonably good access from the road.





Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

28 samples of water were examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Sixteen were reported satisfactory. Three samples were submitted for chemical analysis, all were satisfactory.

Total Number of dwellings in the Area	1289
Total Number of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	1110
Percentage of dwellings supplied from Council Mains	86.1%

Once again most of the samples of water submitted for examination were classified as unsatisfactory by reason of the presence of faecal organisms. The Water Board have started drip feed chlorination on some of the supplies which have given heavy faecal counts in the past. Consistently good samples cannot be expected until more sophisticated methods of chlorination are put into use.

Northallerton and the Dales Water Board

No major shortages of water occurred during the year.

No progress was made during the year on the Fossdale scheme although I understand that the Board have asked Mr. Fairbank, who was the Council's Consulting Engineer for the scheme to carry on with it on their behalf.

The quality of the water remains the same.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

There are 71 premises in the district which come within the scope of the above Regulations, they are as follows:-

Cafes	8	School Canteens	6
Public Houses	16	Fish & Chip Shops	1
Confectioners	5	Fishmongers	2
Grocers	22	Cheese Factory	1
Butchers	7	Hotels	3

It will be seen from the table of inspections that 29 visits were made to this type of premises.



MEAT AND OTHER  
FOODS

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### Meat Inspection

All the meat inspected was from one private slaughterhouse in the district. Rather less beef was killed than last year and more pigs and sheep. All the animals were young and prime quality, virtually free from disease. The hygiene of the premises is of a high standard.

The total number of animals inspected was 404 and it was necessary to make 88 visits for this purpose.

The following table gives details of the food animals killed and the amount found to be unfit.

	Bull- ocks	Heif- ers	Total Cattl e (ex cludi ng Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	51	30	81	-	-	221	102
Number inspected	51	30	81	-	-	221	102
<u>ALL DISEASES</u>							
<u>EXCEPT TUBERCUL-</u>							
<u>OSIS AND</u>							
<u>CISTICERCI</u>							
Whole carcasses							
condemned	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	-
Carcases of which							
some part or organ							
was condemned.	5	1	6	-	-	-	1
Percentage	9.8	3.3	7.4	-	-	-	1%
Total Precentage	9.8	3.3	7.4	-	-	0.9	1
<u>TUBERCULOSIS only</u>							
Whole carcasses							
condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which							
some part or							
organ was							
condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CYSTERCERCOSIS</u>							
Whole carcasse							
condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The diseases affecting bovines showed in the first part of the table were all parasitic usually involving the liver only without detriment to the rest of the carcass. No tuberculosis was seen. The two unfit sheep were casualties. One case of Cystercercus Bovis was seen in a beast heart, the cysts were degenerate and no others were found.



SEWERAGETable showing houses connected to Sewers in the various Parishes

Parish	Total Prop- erti- es	To Sewer	Otherwise	Septic Tanks
Abbotside High	84	39	24	21
Abbotside Low	43	1	9	33
Askrigg L.A.	124	62	62	-
Askrigg N.L.A.	35	1	3	31
Aysgarth L.A.	56	56	-	-
Aysgarth N.L.A.	25	5	-	20
Bainbridge L.A.	88	88	-	-
Bainbridge N.L.A.	81	28	11	42
Bishopdale	12	-	8	4
Burton-cum-Walden L.A.	91	45	45	1
Burton-cum-Walden N.L.A.	30	-	13	17
Hawes L.A.	293	287	-	6
Hawes N.L.A.	142	64	26	52
Newbiggin	23	-	4	19
Thoralby L.A.	43	20	17	6
Thoralby N.L.A.	9	-	8	1
Thornton Rust	38	-	1	37
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	73	60	3	10
TOTAL:	1290	756	234	300

A total of 81 non-domestic properties are connected to Council Sewers.

The Council continued to make charges for the reception into their sewers of farm effluent and no revision of the charge was made.

The Thoralby sewerage and sewage disposal works were virtually finished during the year and all the premises to be served were connected to the sewer. No samples of the effluent have been examined to date. The Askrigg scheme was 80% complete at the end of the year and the West Burton scheme had been started.







HOUSINGThe Housing Rent and Repairs Act, 1954, Section 1.  
(Housing Proposals)

The number of unfit houses in the District which are regarded as being unfit and incapable of being made fit was 75 at the beginning of the year, this was reduced to 68 during the year.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

The Council offered 5 Discretionary Grants totaling £1775 during the year and 17 Standard Grants to a total maximum of £2024, an increase in discretionary grants and a decrease in Standard grants.

New Council Houses

There were no Council houses built during the year, a start was made on a pair at Aysgarth.

Housing Survey

The following table shows the classification of the houses inspected in the Rural Housing Survey.

Parish	Not Inspected	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 5
Abbotside High	7	2	39	27	9
Abbotside Low	4	12	13	8	5
Askrigg	5	20	70	57	8
Aysgarth	4	25	30	17	4
Bainbridge	6	39	85	34	11
Bishopdale	4	-	7	1	-
Burton-cum-Walden	17	23	48	32	1
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	3	20	27	22	1
Hawes	16	116	172	104	26
Newbiggin	1	2	12	7	1
Thoralby	7	12	19	12	2
Thornton Rust	-	10	26	3	-
Total:	74	281	548	324	68
Totals for 1964	78	258	515	340	72

It will be seen from the above table that there has been a reduction of 20 in the number of unfit houses, of these 4 were regarded as incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost. This decrease in the number of unfit houses is in part due to the Improvement Grants which are available, and partly to the increasing use of country cottages as weekend or second houses by people from the towns.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair.



OVERCROWDING

(a)	Total number of houses overcrowded at the beginning of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c)	Number of new cases of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d)	Number of cases relieved	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(e)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

This table has arrived at by the amendment of a survey carried out many years ago.

HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS  
Houses built by Private Enterprise

The table below gives details of houses under construction and those completed since 1945 in the various parishes.

Parish	Completed	Under Construction
Bainbridge	1	2
Hawes	8	1
Askrigg	6	1
Thornton Rust	4	1
Aysgarth	5	1
Low Abbotside	4	2
West Burton	3	1
Thoralby	1	-
Total:	32	9

HOUSES BUILT BY AYSGARTH R.D.C.

Parish	To 31/12/65	Under Construction
Hawes	44	-
Bainbridge	20	-
Askrigg	4	-
Carperby	6	-
Aysgarth	4	2
West Burton	2	-
Total:	80	2



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, BUILDING BYELAWS

66 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the following table. 160 visits were made, an average of 2.5 visits per deposited plan.

Parish	New Houses	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow-Sheds & Dairies & Piggeries	Alterations to buildings other than dwellings	Division of dwelling houses & conversions to same	Total
Hawes	-	6	6	1	1	4	18
Bainbridge	1	4	1	1	-	1	8
Askrigg	2	4	4	-	-	1	11
Carperby	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Aysgarth	1	2	2	1	1	1	8
Thornton Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
High Abbotside	-	3	1	-	1	-	5
Low Abbotside	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
West Burton	-	2	2	2	-	-	6
Thoralby	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Newbiggin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bishopdale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	7	27	17	5	3	7	66

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A good deal of irresponsible damage was done to the public conveniences and there does not seem much we can do about it. I would dearly like to catch someone red-handed but this must be another unfulfilled ambition.





RODENT CONTROL

10 visits were made during the year to Council and other properties.

The Council's sewers were baited and poisoned twice during the year. The sewage works and tips were dealt with as infestations occurred. The Council continue to supply rat poison free of charge to householders for use on domestic premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.  
Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	18	-	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total:	19	4	-	-





## 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1).....	-	-	-	-	-
Over-crowding (S.2).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary convenience (S.7).....	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective..	-	-	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes..	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	-	-	-	1	-

There are no outworkers in the Rural District.





